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Late one Friday, a possible requirement materialized for five large tents with wooden floorboards, partitions, electrical hook-ups, forced air ventilation, heaters, with 70 portable latrines and 2000 cots. Two of Regional Contracting Office - Vicenza's contracting officers immediately got competitive verbal quotes. By Friday evening, the requirement was not a firm go. At 20:30 Friday night, one of the contracting officers was called at home and advised that the requirement was funded and a go. She then called her colleague. By 21:30 contracts totaling Euro 400,000 were awarded. At 8:00 Saturday morning, 70 contractor personnel with 20 truckloads of equipment arrived at the base. They worked all day Saturday, into the night, and Sunday morning. By Sunday afternoon, the equipment was set up and in place. The contracting officers were on site this entire time, monitoring performance and escorting contractors and vehicles to and from the gate. No one specifically ordered them to do this or told them how to do it—they simply did what had to be done.

This is another example of how the USACCE workforce and contractors that we work with truly are professionals committed to service.